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Downtown a core issue for restaurant owners

Dundas Street. Business owners say city leaders need to move on improvements

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Several Dundas Street business owners are growing impatient with what they consider the snail's pace of making downtown more viable.

"Maybe another four years from now, things might be fine," said Kevin Greaves, owner of Jambalaya restaurant (119 Dundas St.). "But at this moment, it's not working. City officials are moving way too slow."

Greaves moved his restaurant from Richmond Row to the downtown core, in part because of plans touted by the city. Now, three years later, he's still waiting for a transformation. Instead of flourishing, Jambalaya is floundering, with people loitering at bus stops, "red tape" that prevents him from opening a patio and a parking shortage that keeps regular customers away during big events at the John Labatt Centre.

Right now, Greaves is pinning much of his restaurant's success on being able to open a patio next month. The city denied his permit application last year, saying outdoor seating eats up sidewalk space.

Janette MacDonald, head of Downtown London, said she and city officials are nearing a solution for that problem — a complaint that's come from many Dundas Street eateries.

"We just need help, and we don't need to have all these hurdles," Greaves said. "For a small restaurant, (waiting a year) is a long time."

Patios are a "magnet" for success at downtown restaurants, said Long Phan, owner of Tamarine (118 Dundas St.). "People see that and they gravitate toward that," he said.

Opening patios will do little good, though, if buses continue to operate on Dundas Street, Long said. People waiting for a bus often stand in Tamarine's doorway, leave the sidewalk littered with cigarette butts and, several times, have damaged the building facade, he said.

The city has considered moving buses off Dundas, but it's been labelled too costly at this point.

"I understand (money's tight), but what are they budgeting for?" Phan said. "That says to me that the heart of the city is not that important."

Last call?

- Reports on social media say Braise (125 Dundas St.) has closed. Legal notices on the restaurant doors suggest money is owed to the landlord. Braise owner Rob Taylor could not be reached for comment on Thursday.

Jambalaya owner Kevin Greaves stands outside his restaurant at 119 Dundas St. on Thursday. Greaves and other Dundas Street business owners say they're concerned the city isn't moving fast enough on plans to make downtown more alluring to customers. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Shake it, baby

London's Dustin Kiefer and his team of Liquid Entertainers take "flair bartending" to new heights at Onyx Lounge PAGE 4

A nickel for your thoughts?

The federal government drops the penny — literally — in a budget that could end up being good for London PAGE 2

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On the web

He's just a poor boy, he needs no sympathy

What happens in the back of a cruiser, stays in the back of a cruiser, unless of course it's a slurry rendition of Bohemian Rhapsody sung by a recently arrested rugged Prairie man. Watch at metronews.ca

Mobile news

As the United States moves to paperless medicine, doctors are grappling with an awkward challenge: How do they tap the promise of computers, smartphones and iPads in the exam room without losing the human connection with their patients? Scan for the story.

Budget could be good for London, economist says

Initiatives. Support for businesses, economy will have trickle-down effect

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If there's one hot-button word in the federal budget, it may very well be "pension," a London economist said.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's $276-billion spending plan includes gradually upping the age of eligibility for Old Age Security — considered the backbone of Canada's public-pension system — from 65 to 67. The change, proposed to start in 2023, is likely to prompt the most divisive debate in the budget's nearly 500 pages.

"That's going to be the biggest fight," said Ian Skaith, a former professor at Western University and Fanshawe College.

"Any thought that, 'I'm not going to get the same Old Age Security as my dad did,'" is going to create nothing less than a "firestorm," Skaith said.

Overall, the federal budget could be positive for the local economy, said Peter White, president and CEO of the London Economic Development Corp.

He said the plan includes several points of good news for the busin ess world, including research and development dollars, venture capital dollars for public-private partnerships and job-skills training for young people.

What happens in the federal realm is important to London's economy, White stressed.

"Sometimes people think, 'Oh well, it's in Ottawa.' But, it does impact us along the way," he said. "Everything that we've seen (Thursday) looks like it's not going to hinder businesses. In fact, it looks like it could help."

What they said

Budget quotes from Parliament Hill

"We are a moderate, pragmatic government that responds to the facts as they are and not as we might wish them to be." Finance Minister Jim Flaherty

"I don't see a message here about jobs and growth." Interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae

"They're not good managers. They are not going to go at this with a scalpel, they'll always go at it with a rusty machete. It's a clear-cut." NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair

"We've been led to believe that this government is capable of providing leadership and making tough decisions but, if it is, there's no proof of that in this budget at all." Gregory Thomas, federal director of the Canadian Taxpayers' Federation

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Going bald so others can make a wish

Fanshawe College student Meghan Smith, 18, sits still as a hair stylist makes a stripe down the middle of her head at the Go Blue! Go Bald! Head Shave event Thursday in support of Make-A-Wish Foundation. JOHN MATISZ/FOR METRO

Pro-trade. Tories loosen the commercial reins

A penny-pinching Conservative government is loosening the reins on Canada's business community in a budget it says will position the country for unbridled commercial opportunity.

With an eye to the long game after years of politically attractive, minority budgets, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is trimming $5.2 billion in annual federal spending — scrapping the money-losing penny in the process — while raising the age of eligibility for old age security to 67 from 65, starting a decade from now.

Thursday's federal budget, the seventh since Stephen Harper took office, is the first with an overtly pro-trade and resource development bent and a dearth of voter-friendly goodies. A majority mandate will do that for a conservative-minded prime minister.

Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.
SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"We are fiscal conservatives, we are a majority now, the economy is growing — albeit modestly. ... We're looking to the future," Flaherty said in the budget lockup Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pennies. Minting of one-cent piece to end this fall

There may still be pennies from heaven, but they won't be coming from the mint much longer.

The humble one-cent piece is set to disappear from Canadian pockets, a victim of inflation.

Thursday's federal budget said the Royal Canadian Mint will strike the last of the little coins this fall.

The budget says the cost of minting a penny has risen to 1.6 cents, or $11 million a year. Its purchasing power has fallen to a 20th of its original value.

And so the coin will go the way of the old 25-cent shinplaster. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian pennies.
JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Twitter

We asked what you thought about the death of the penny. Here's what Londoners said:

@JoshAlessandro About time!

@maxamilli @themetrolondon What will I fill my piggy bank with!?

@CorelChick who gets the fractions then? Not every math equation rounds up to 5c #penny #ldnont

@ldnlksmth there are some 14BILLION pennies in circulation already, will anyone notice?

Highlights from the 2012 budget

- **Production of the penny to cease** this fall, saving an estimated $11 million a year.
- **CBC to lose 10 per cent** of annual funding.
- **Deficit projected to fall** $8.5 billion, to $24.9 billion for 2011-12, to decline to $21.1 billion next year and to disappear by 2015.
- **More than $5 billion in cuts** to annual federal spending by 2014-15.
- **Job cuts:** 19,200 federal positions to be eliminated, or 4.8 per cent of the federal workforce.
- **Age of eligibility for Old Age Security** and the guaranteed income supplement to gradually move to 67 from 65, beginning in 2023.
- **$5.2 billion over 11 years** to renew and refit the Canadian Coast Guard's fleet of vessels and helicopters.
- **Eligible Canadians to be allowed to defer Old Age Security** for a maximum of five years, beginning in 2013, in exchange for higher benefits.
- **$1.1 billion in research and development** over five years, plus $500 million to encourage venture capital investment by the private sector.

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How about some fire breathing or juggling with that vodka soda?

Flair bartending. After a successful introduction at the London Winter Bridal Show, the Liquid Entertainers have a few plans up their sleeves

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Four years ago, with time to spare in between rushes of thirsty customers, local bartender Dustin Kiefer decided to take up flair bartending.

After mastering basic juggling techniques and managing to work in some visually pleasing drink-pouring manoeuvres here and there, the 24-year-old Londoner thought he'd enter competitions.

Fast forward to 2011 and he was ranked 22nd in the world by the Flair Bartenders' Association. Only three Canadians appear higher on the list than Kiefer, who is far from being considered a veteran.

Talk about stumbling upon a hidden talent.

"It's been a progression," he said simply.

Kiefer, who is short a front tooth thanks to a glass-related accident behind the bar one night, fits the part of a trendy bartender perfectly. His 15-pack of tattoos and 1.5-inch spacer earrings blend in with all-black attire, which includes a nifty top hat.

He and friend Matt Bielmann, 30, are both bar managers at one of the Forest City's newest fine-dining clubs, Onyx Lounge.

They're also business partners, having co-founded Liquid Entertainers, a chic bartending service that launched at the London Winter Bridal Show in late January.

"There's been a ridiculous response," Bielmann said of feedback from the debut performance.

Together, the pair puts on quite the show, with Bielmann showing the crowd a magic trick or two and Kiefer whirling, spinning and catching bottles at will.

"It adds a whole extra level to an event," Bielmann said, adding a show from Liquid Entertainers always includes some fire breathing.

The two bottle-slingers hope momentum gained from a successful entrance into the London market will snowball into a niche culture of sorts.

"It would be nice to have local competitions," Kiefer said. "At this point in time, though, there just aren't enough people to hold them."

Flair bartenders Dustin Kiefer, left, and Matt Bielmann display their aptitude for the craft inside Onyx Lounge (153 Carling St.) on Thursday afternoon.
JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Flair bartending basics

1 **The Catch.** Catch glass bottle on upside down tin can

2 **The Grab.** Let go of tin can; move other tin can in for grab

3 **The Move.** Catch tin can with other one; move over glass bottle

4 **The Toss.** Toss tin can over shoulder to other hand; repeat

5 **The Stall.** Stall tin cans in one hand, glass bottle in the other

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Alumnus. Lindros skates with current Flyers as old wounds continue to heal

For one morning, Eric Lindros was one of the guys again.

The former Flyers captain took the ice Thursday to participate in Philadelphia's morning skate at Air Canada Centre. Not only did he participate in drills, he also took some good-natured ribbing about his conditioning — as sure a sign as any he was part of a pro-sports team again.

The invitation to the skate came directly from Flyers GM Paul Holmgren. It was another sign that the fence has been mended between Lindros and the Flyers organization. The two had an often-turbulent relationship that ended poorly. But he was fully embraced during the Winter Classic earlier this season and received the loudest ovation from fans during the alumni game.

Lindros retired in 2007 and seems at ease with life after hockey, a sport he dominated so thoroughly in junior that he was hailed as the next superstar. Injuries kept him from reaching that, although he did have a tremendous run early in his career with the Flyers, winning the Hart Trophy as league MVP in 1995. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Older, wiser

"When you get older ... you realize that there's more to life than going out and playing the game. The game is fantastic, but there's many more things to do."
Eric Lindros

OHL playoffs. Knights hammer Spitfires to complete the sweep

Ryan Rupert scored three goals and Michael Houser made 35 saves as the London Knights hammered the Windsor Spitfires 8-3 Thursday to sweep their Ontario Hockey League Western Conference quarter-final series in four games.

Chris Tierney added two goals for the Knights, while Brad Welycka, Greg McKegg and Andreas Anthanasiou also scored.

Rupert opened the scoring in the first period when his cross-crease pass bounced off a Windsor defenceman who was standing in front of the net and past Spitfire netminder Jaroslav Pavelka. The goal was a sign of things to come for Windsor.

Kerby Rychel, Chris Marchese and Michael Clarke replied for the Spitfires, who were outscored 17-7 in the series and shut out twice by Houser. Knights defenceman Olli Maata appeared to suffer a knee injury after being checked into the boards by Windsor forward Hunter Smith. Maata did not return to the game.

Pavelka made 24 saves and could not be faulted on any London goals. Overage netminder John Cullen, playing in his final OHL game, replaced Pavelka with 11:26 remaining in the third period and made eight saves in a relief effort.

Tyson Teichmann replaced Houser with just under three remaining in the game and allowed Clarke's goal on one of the two shots that he faced.

With the series win, the Knights became the first Western Conference team to advance in the post-season.
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Community

Latino leadership awards Friday

Magazine Latino Media Inc. will hold its fourth leadership awards ceremony on Friday at 7 p.m. at the London Convention Centre (300 York St.). There are 13 categories designed to recognize people from the Hispanic community who stand out in London. Tickets are $60, available at the Magazine Latino offices (10-515 Richmond St.) METRO

Awarded

Major Facility award for JLC

The John Labatt Centre was named Canada's 2012 Major Facility of the Year (more than 8,000 capacity) during ceremonies of the Canadian Music and Broadcast Industry Awards last week at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. The JLC topped the Bell Centre in Montreal; Credit Union Centre in Saskatchewan; Halifax Metro Centre in Halifax; MTS Centre in Winnipeg; Save-On Foods Memorial Centre in Victoria; ScotiaBank Place in Ottawa; and the Molson Amphitheatre in Toronto. "Londoners love the venue and the crowds keep coming to see amazing talent showcased at this amazing facility," Mayor Joe Fontana said. "Congratulations to the Global Spectrum team for another outstanding year and for all your hard work. You've become an important part of our community." METRO

The John Labatt Centre also won the award in 2010. FILE PHOTO

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Project Dundas results are in

In response to complaints about "quality-of-life issues" along Dundas Street, police started a six-week enforcement effort in mid-February.

The initiative — meant to combat drugs, prostitution and loitering — resulted in 29 criminal arrests, 24 criminal charges, 136 provincial-offence notices and eight drug-related charges. METRO

tbk Creative

One London non-profit left in contest

The London Community Resource Centre (LCRC) is the only London non-profit to make the final top 10 in the race to win a $25,000 website and social-media makeover from tbk Creative.

LCRC has been in London for more than 37 years. The non-profit manages more than 600 community garden plots in the city.

Voting will continue until Sunday. METRO

Regional

Students gather for science fair

Students from more than 18 schools across the region will present science projects at the London District Science and Technology Fair starting Friday at Althouse College, home of the faculty of education at Western University.

Ten winners will represent London at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Charlottetown in May. METRO

Habitat London breaks ground in 2012

New home. A vacant lot on Edmonton Street will soon become home for a mother and son. Since the latter suffers from cerebral palsy and scoliosis, it will require wheelchair accessibility

Breaking ground. Daniel Kahn, left, Western University's Habitat executive, Gary Gerard, Fanshawe College co-ordinator of architectural technology, Kerri and Brendon Ronson, house recipients, Jeff Duncan, CEO of Habitat London and Phil Squire, Habitat London board director. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

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Kerri Ronson can't stop smiling.

"This house will be our birthplace," the 46-year-old mother said to a crowd assembled at the official groundbreaking of Habitat for Humanity London's first project of 2012.

In late July, after 12 years on the organization's waiting list, the dog groomer and her son Brendon will move into a new home on Edmonton Street.

"I felt like I won the lottery," she said, recalling her initial reaction to hearing they were one of four local families chosen this year. "It's an amazing opportunity for families like ours."

Since Brendon, 14, has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair, the 45-by-21-foot home will require a full line of accessibility features.

It'll be just the second wheelchair-accessible home built by Habitat London, and first in seven years.

Brendon's scoliosis makes it difficult for him to sit properly in their current bathtub, so this Habitat London home will include a walk-in shower — among other helpful amenities.

Both the design and construction of the house is headed by a group of Fanshawe College faculty and students.

Habitat London CEO Jeff Duncan said more than 350 volunteers, accumulating "thousands and thousands" of man-hours, will be needed in order to keep the project on schedule.

Three other families in the area — another in London, one in Woodstock and the last in St. Thomas — have been granted brand new homes in 2012.

Next year, according to Duncan, the organization plans on doubling its output by producing eight homes.

Qualified families

67

families currently qualified for a Habitat for Humanity London home

No word on school closings

Ontario can't say how many schools will close or which areas may be most deeply affected under proposed cuts announced in this week's budget.

Education Minister Laurel Broten says the government is committed to ending subsidies for underused schools, but it will be up to school boards to decide which ones to shut down.

She says using school buildings effectively requires "an extensive conversation" and it's not up to Queen's Park to make that call.

The province said in its budget Tuesday that class sizes will remain the same but some underutilized schools will be closed and boards will be amalgamated in sparsely populated areas.

The change, starting in 2013-14, is expected to create annual savings of $70 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Earth Hour

Schools recognize Earth Hour

- Students and staff across the Thames Valley school district will be taking the Earth Hour challenge Friday and powering off for the planet between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.
- Earth Hour is an annual reminder to people that the way we use our natural resources has a direct effect on the planet.
- Although Earth Hour officially takes place at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, schools will observe the event on Friday.
- For the City of London's Earth Hour plans, visit london.ca.
- More Earth Day on page 8

A full-scale replica of the prehistoric snake Titanoboa swallowing a crocodile is previewed at Grand Central Station in New York. BEBETO MATTHEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Exhibit features replica of world's largest snake

Monster snake. Prehistoric Titanoboa was the length of a bus and weighed about 2,500 pounds

A prehistoric monster snake the length of a school bus that likely fed on supersize turtles and crocodiles has made its way to the Smithsonian Institution for an exhibit opening Friday.

The National Museum of Natural History is featuring a life-size replica of Titanoboa along with a cast of its large vertebrae through January 2013. When it was alive, the snake averaged 48-feet long.

Fossils from the world's largest snake were first discovered in 2004 in a coal mine in Colombia that once was a rainforest. Eventually bones from at least 60 of the monster snakes were uncovered.

At first scientists labelled the fossils as being vertebrae from a crocodile, but a graduate student noticed there was a difference.

A student interning with the Smithsonian eventually discovered the snake's skull. The specimen broke the previous record for snake length by 11 feet.

Scientists figure the snake weighed about 2,500 pounds. It was found near fossilized plants, giant turtles the size of a kitchen table and other creatures dating to more than 60 million years ago in the Paleocene era after the dinosaurs.

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Titanoboa

Titanoboa is related to modern boa constrictors and anacondas.

- **Scientists say it was the world's largest predator and large enough to easily eat a cow or a human.** It likely fed on large turtles or crocodiles while spending most of its time in water.

Labour action

Italy faces 'Viagra strike'

Hospital pharmacists are threatening to cut Italians off from their Viagra unless the government amends its plans to reform professions that have high-entry barriers.

Pharmacists will stage a series of labour actions during April, culminating with the so-called "Viagra strike" if their complaints are not redressed.

Hospital pharmacists, part of Italy's public health-care system, say Premier Mario Monti's economic liberalization plan is unfair because it gives private pharmacists preference for new licences. The reform calls for opening 5,000 new pharmacies.

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Elephant on the loose

Don't put Baby in the bath

An elephant called Baby did not want a bath.

Instead, the 40-year-old elephant bolted from a circus in southern Ireland on Tuesday, causing some alarm to customers in a coffee shop where keepers caught up with the runaway.

No one was injured, but a video shot from a nearby office showed that the keepers had trouble keeping up with Baby as he headed away from the coffee shop in Blackpool in County Cork.

Egle Vilmaite, manager of the Costa Coffee shop, told Ireland's RTE News: "He was running around on his own and then you could see the guys from the circus running around, and the elephant wasn't happy."

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Never too late. At age 98, once-illiterate man publishes book of essays

The Portuguese-born James Arruda Henry had plenty to be proud of as a U.S. lobsterboat captain who managed to build his own house and raise a family. But he kept a secret into his '90s, one that forced him to bluff his way through life.

Henry was illiterate. He couldn't even read restaurant menus; he'd wait for someone else to place an order and get the same food. Most of his family had no idea.

Now he's 98, and his self-published collection of autobiographical essays is being read in elementary schools. In A Fisherman's Language details his barefoot beginnings in Portugal, life in a tenement in Rhode Island, boxing as a young man and his adventures at sea.

"I didn't think it was going to go too far," Henry said. "I couldn't read or nothing. I tell you, it makes me a very, very happy man to have people call me and write me letters and stuff like that."

The book has sold 3,000 copies since its publication in November, and it's available on Kindle.

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James Arruda Henry published his autobiographical essays after learning to read and write in his '90s. JESSICA HILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Win A Baby winners conceive

Natasha and Ryan Derouchie of Ottawa never thought a radio contest would have helped them make their dream of having a child come true, but it did, and they couldn't be happier.

The Hot 89.9 radio station announced on the air Thursday morning that the finalist couple in the controversial Win A Baby contest is expecting a child.

The Derouchie's and four other couples won up to three fertility treatments valued at $35,000 in October.

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Tuition hike

Students stage mock hanging of premier

One day after student demonstrators marched on Jean Charest's family property, they staged a mock hanging and burned down an effigy of the Quebec premier during street protests Thursday.

That fiery stunt was among the multiple signs in downtown Montreal of the bitter feud over tuition hikes that has gripped the province.

Student protesters also blocked access to Montreal's main courthouse, clogged several city boulevards, and vandalized police cars Thursday.

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Halifax

Door-to-door drug sale a bust

Police say a 43-year-old Dartmouth man tried his luck at selling drugs door-to-door and it didn't turn out very well.

Halifax Regional Police say they responded to a report of a suspicious male who had been going door-to-door on Albro Lake Road in Dartmouth on Wednesday night.

Police say when they located the male he had a variety of prescription drugs and a brass knuckle switchblade combo in his possession. He will appear in court on charges including possession of a prohibited weapon and illegal possession of a controlled substance. METRO

Jury finds Stobbe not guilty in wife's hatchet killing

Winnipeg. Former political advisor says he will focus on raising sons after being exonerated in wife's murder

Mark Stobbe talks to media outside the Law Courts in Winnipeg on Thursday after a jury found him not guilty in the second-degree murder of his wife.

TREVOR HAGAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Minutes after being found not guilty in the brutal killing of his wife, former political adviser Mark Stobbe told reporters he would like to know who the killer was, but it's not his task to find out.

"I've heard the judge say on many occasions that that isn't my job. It's not something I can speculate on," Stobbe, 53, said outside court. "Of course, I want to know."

Stobbe added he now wants to focus on raising his two teenaged sons.

"I'm very proud of my sons. I know their mother would be too."

After two days of deliberations, a 12-member jury found Stobbe not guilty of second-degree murder Thursday in the death of his wife, Beverly Rowbotham. Her bludgeoned body was found in her car 15 kilometres away from the couple's home in St. Andrew's, Man., in the early hours of Oct. 25, 2000.

When the verdict was read in a Winnipeg courtroom, Stobbe let out what sounded like a sigh, leaned forward and put his head down on one arm that was resting on the edge of the prisoner's box.

When he looked up again, his face was flush with emotion.

Court of Queen's Bench Justice Chris Martin told Stobbe he could now focus on raising his children as a tribute to his late wife. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Polar bear surprise visit

Louis Reardon, 55, got the shock of his life early Thursday when he leapt out of bed to his son's cries of "Polar bear!" as a large male bear broke into their home in northern Newfoundland.

"He had the door busted open to the dining room with his two front paws and his head in through the door," Reardon said from tiny Goose Cove, just south of St. Anthony, N.L.

"I mean, it frightened the wits right clean out of me, to be that close to a polar bear."

Reardon's son Damien, 29, had heard a ruckus and flicked on the light to discover the animal. Polar bears are notoriously aggressive when cornered, and Damien slammed on a table trying to frighten the intruder as his father raced for a shotgun.

"A polar bear doesn't usually back down," Reardon said. "If he came in the house, God knows what he would have done before he went out."

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Lighting a candle for the Earth's future

Earth hour. People in 135 countries will put aside an hour to support the planet

This year marks the fifth anniversary of Earth Hour in Canada, on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Earth Hour is a time where the world unites by turning off their lights to send a message in support of action on climate change.

Participants see it as an opportunity to hunker in and play board games, or go out to one of many restaurants that serve dinner by candlelight.

135 countries and more than 5,200 cities participated in Earth Hour in 2011.

Last year, 43 per cent of Canadians turned off their lights in support of Earth Hour — almost 15 million people — across 427 cities

To find out about Earth Hour in Canada, visit wwf.ca/EarthHour. For Earth Hour globally, visit earthhour.org. METRO

Everywhere

- **Lights out in space.** In 2012, for the first time, Earth Hour will reach the International Space Station.
- **World's largest.** Within four years, Earth Hour has reached more than 1.8 billion people in 135 countries across every continent, making it the world's largest campaign for the planet.

Political unrest. African presidents forced by rebels to divert flight

Five African presidents seeking to restore Mali's elected government were forced to make a mid-air U-turn and head to Ivory Coast to hold their meeting, after demonstrators supporting the military junta took over the tarmac to stop the jets from landing, officials said.

The presidents of Ivory Coast, Benin, Liberia, Niger and Burkina Faso were due to arrive in Mali on Thursday to press for the departure of the junior officers that grabbed power in a coup last week, reversing over two decades of democratic rule in this landlocked nation south of the Sahara.

The planes carrying the presidents landed in the capital of Ivory Coast, where they went ahead with their meeting, officials said.

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What happened?

Last week's coup happened in one of the few established democracies in the troubled western half of the African continent.

- **New leader.** Sanogo, who is in his 30s, seized power from President Amadou Toumani Toure, who is considered one of Africa's senior statesman, and was just months from stepping down.

Poland

Official dismisses assassination claims

Poland's top prosecutor says there is no evidence to support theories that a 2010 plane crash that killed President Lech Kaczynski was an assassination.

Prosecutor general Andrzej Seremet was reacting Thursday to comments made by Jaroslaw Kaczynski, a conservative party leader, who suggested the plane crash was intentional. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Security video adds to debate over teen's death

Florida. Footage of George Zimmerman in handcuffs has Trayvon Martin supporters questioning official story again

A security video that shows neighbourhood-watch captain George Zimmerman being led in handcuffs from a police car after he fatally shot Trayvon Martin is adding to the debate over whether the shooting was a case of self-defence.

An attorney for the teen's family said it looks to him that Zimmerman doesn't have injuries to his face and head in the video as Zimmerman's supporters have said.

Zimmerman told police he fired in self-defence and he was not arrested, touching off widespread public outrage and protests across the country. Zimmerman's attorney, Craig Sonner, has said in more than one interview that his client's nose was broken during the fight with Martin.

Sanford police Sgt. David Morgenstern on Wednesday confirmed that the video being shown by ABC News is of Zimmerman. The 28-year-old's head and face are visible throughout and he is dressed in a red and black fleece jacket. Police are shown frisking Zimmerman, whose hands were handcuffed behind his back. They then lead him into a police station.

"This certainly doesn't look like a man who police said had his nose broken and his head repeatedly smashed into the sidewalk," Ben Crump, an attorney for Martin's family, said in a statement. "George Zimmerman has no apparent injuries in this video, which dramatically contradicts his version of the events of February 26."

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In this image taken from video at the Sanford, Fla., police department, George Zimmerman, in red jacket, is escorted into the Sanford police station in handcuffs on Feb. 26, 2012 , the night he fatally shot Trayvon Martin.
MARTIN FAMILY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Supporters

Martin's supporters, including a host of outspoken celebrities and civil-rights leaders who have appeared on television for the past two weeks, don't believe Zimmerman's story. They want him arrested and prosecuted.

- **Forced into hiding.** Since the shooting, Zimmerman's supporters say he's gone into hiding and that he and his family have gotten death threats.

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Waiting on the Burmese Spring

Hear democracy roar: Opposition activists in Rangoon. GETTY

Winds of change. On April 1, Burma holds elections that Nobel Prize-winning dissident Aung San Suu Kyi's party is expected to win

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

Win Tin thought he'd never see this day. For 19 years he was imprisoned and tortured for his pro-democracy activism. But now Tin, a leader of Aung San Suu Kyi's NLD party, lives in freedom. And NLD is expected to win parliamentary seats in an election on April 1.

"This election is very important to us," Tin tells Metro. "If you look at the figures, a byelection that only includes seven per cent of the parliamentary seats isn't very important. But we'll finally be in parliament, and we can do a lot by co-operating with other parliamentarians, if they're not too afraid."

NLD won Myanmar's 1990 election, but the country's repressive military rulers cancelled it and jailed Suu Kyi. International observers called the 2010 election a sham, and opposition leader Suu Kyi boycotted it.

In the past year, the generals have introduced extraordinary reforms. They've freed 200 political prisoners, introduced labour laws that allow for unions and strikes, and relaxed censorship. This winter Myanmar's minister of industry, Soe Thane, even attended the World Economic Forum in Davos.

"Those who have held the power over the past decade still hold it," explains Jan Zalewski, a Myanmar analyst at IHS Global Insight. "But the reforms do one important thing for the government: They provide it with legitimacy."

Suu Kyi will almost certainly be elected to one of the 48 seats to be filled in the byelection. "The significant thing is she's running," says Aye Chan Naing, Executive Director of Democratic Voice of Burma, an exile organization. "She's still an icon. Wherever she goes, she attracts hundreds of thousands of people."

And this time the junta isn't preventing Suu Kyi from campaigning. It has even broadcast one of her speeches on TV. That's because the regime wants her to win. "And even if Suu Kyi's NLD party wins all 48 seats, this would not change the balance of power in parliament," notes Zalewski. "The legitimacy the regime has gained from its reforms would be increased indefinitely if Suu Kyi and other NLD members were elected to parliament." The big question now is whether Suu Kyi will recover after taking ill, apparently from exhaustion, several days ago.

Paradoxically, a free and fair election could put Suu Kyi in a bind: Her participation is seen as approval for the regime. "But we have clear goals of what we want to accomplish in parliament," says Win Tin. "Establish the rule of law, end armed conflicts and change the constitution. We know it's not easy, and it will take time. But our main worry is that the military will undo the reforms."

60 seconds

Prof. Sean Turnell

Junta seeking allies

Prof. Sean Turnell, Macquarie University, Australia, author of Fiery Dragons: Banks, Moneylenders and Microfinance in Burma

What's behind the generals' reforms?
Some of them realize that their country has fallen behind. Right after World War II, Thailand was poorer than Burma. Now it's five times richer. And the junta worries about being dominated by China, so it's seeking new allies.

In addition, the junta hopes the reforms will convince the international community (to) end the sanctions.

How much are ordinary citizens seeing of the reforms?
What they're noticing is newspapers actually reporting news, not government propaganda. And, of course, what they've noticed is a host of international businessmen suddenly descending on Rangoon.

But the economic reforms are lagging behind the political ones. And the reforms are taking place in cities rather than the countryside, where most Burmese live.

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Protesting monks

Along with Aung San Suu Kyi, Burma's monks have been the junta's most formidable opponent. In 2007, the junta brutally crushed the monks' Saffron Revolution. But earlier this year, 31-year-old monk leader Shin Gambira, who was sentenced to 68 years in prison after the uprising, was released. The junta has told Burma's approximately 400,000 monks and 50,000 nuns not to get involved in the election campaign. MWN

On power and fear

"It is not power that corrupts but fear. Fear of losing power corrupts those who wield it and fear of the scourge of power corrupts those who are subject to it."
Aung San Suu Kyi, opposition leader

Basic concerns. Everyday life in Myanmar

"It used to be that I was always shadowed in Burma," says Aye Chan Naing. "Now all of that is gone. And journalists are able to write about many more topics, though sometimes they tell me that the authorities have ordered a story to be cancelled or cut."

But Myanmar's citizens have more basic concerns as well: They're desperately poor. With a GDP per capita of $1,300, Myanmar ranks 205th in the world, below countries like Burkina Faso. The plight of the impoverished majority stands in stark contrast to the opulence of the ruling military, which exploits the country's natural resources and is accused of using a privatization scheme to further enrich itself. MWN

Co-operation urged

"We'll finally be in parliament, and we can do a lot by co-operating with other parliamentarians, if they're not too afraid."
Win Tin, a leader of NLD party

Research in Motion. Former CEO Jim Balsillie resigns from board

Research in Motion says former co-CEO Jim Balsillie, the hockey-loving executive who for years helped build the BlackBerry into a global force in the smartphone industry, has resigned from the board.

The announcement, symbolic of the changes afoot at Canada's reigning technology leader, came along with a financial report that fell short of analysts' already low expectations.

The company announced from its headquarters in Waterloo, Ont., that it had a loss in the final quarter of its 2011 financial year, rather than the profit that had been expected, as a result of writing down some of its assets.

Sales of the BlackBerry were also below many analysts' expectations. The company, which usually provides guidance about where it expects revenue and profit will be in the near future, said it was discontinuing that practice.

Research In Motion also said it is undertaking a strategic review of its alternatives — a term that can sometimes mean major changes for a company, such as a sale or merger — a process that has essentially been under way for months.

Balsillie — who had been co-chief executive of RIM along with company founder Mike Lazaridis until they stepped aside in January — had become one of Canada's best-known businessmen.

"As I complete my retirement from RIM, I'm grateful for this remarkable experience and for the opportunity to have worked with outstanding professionals who helped turn a Canadian idea into a global success," Balsillie said in a statement.

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Quarterly results

- RIM reported Thursday a loss for its latest quarter of $125 million US, or 24 cents per share, as it took a $355-million charge to goodwill.
- The loss compared with a profit of $934 million, or $1.78 per diluted share, a year ago. Revenue fell to $4.2 billion, down from $5.6 billion.

Panic at the pumps

Drivers line up for fuel on Thursday in St. Austell, England. A suggestion by government ministers that drivers should store gas in cans at home appeared to ignite an impulse buying of fuel. MATT CARDY/GETTY IMAGES

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Communications

Rogers laying off 300 employees

Rogers Communications says it is laying off about 300 employees across its operations.

Company spokeswoman Patricia Trott says the cuts are focused on management and head-office positions. Employees were notified on Wednesday.

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By the numbers

Metro now reaching 1.5M daily readers: NADBank

Sharing quality news for free, at the right time, in the right place and in the right format continues to be the recipe for success at Metro, which grew in all seven markets in which it was measured, according to results released Thursday by the Newspaper Audience Databank (NADbank).

Metro Canada now reaches 1,492,700 daily and 3,388,900 weekly readers coast to coast in Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver. In comparison to NADbank 2010 results, this represents an increase of 129,700, or 10 per cent, more daily readers and 372,100, or 11 per cent, more weekly readers.

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1 **Junos honour Simple Plan:** After fan mail from troubled youth who found optimism in their music, Montreal's Simple Plan created the Simple Plan Foundation six years ago to help young people with social and mental-health problems. At the Junos this weekend in Ottawa, they'll be recognized with the Allan Waters Humanitarian Award. Kudos.

2 **Spread the Net:** Historic downtown Peterborough, Ont., arts high school PCVS will be featured on CBC's Rick Mercer Report Tuesday for winning the "Spread the Net" fundraising student challenge, used to purchase mosquito nets to help prevent the spread of malaria in African countries. The win is bittersweet, as the local school board has decided to close the school. Learn more at peterboroughneedspcvs.com.

3 **Queen wedding crasher:** The Queen and Prince Philip stunned newlyweds John and Frances Canning, showing up unannounced just after their wedding in Manchester to congratulate them. This was fantastic PR for Buckingham Palace and the Queen. Also, Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn, you have been replaced if there is ever a Wedding Crashers sequel.

4 **Band Wagon:** A new Canadian YouTube series, Band Wagon, features up-and-coming musicians and bands like The Reason, The Balconies, Union City and Monster Truck driving around in a car, singing songs. Great concept, perfect bandwagon to jump on.

5 **James Cameron:** The acclaimed director tweeted @JimCameron on Sunday that he "Just arrived at the ocean's deepest pt. Hitting bottom never felt so good. Can't wait to share what I'm seeing w/ you @DeepChallenge" He's referring to a new deep-sea documentary based on his adventures in his one-man sub. Cameron reaches the world's deepest point? I'm still trying to reach the deep end of my pool.

6 **Quebec Nordiques**: Quebec City is starting construction on an NHL-style arena this fall, paving the way for them to get an NHL team. The arena should be done by 2015. There's no guarantee they'll get a team again but, fingers crossed, we'll see a Nordiques team skating there soon. The Winnipeg Jets are back, why not the Nordiques? And then the Cleveland Barons.

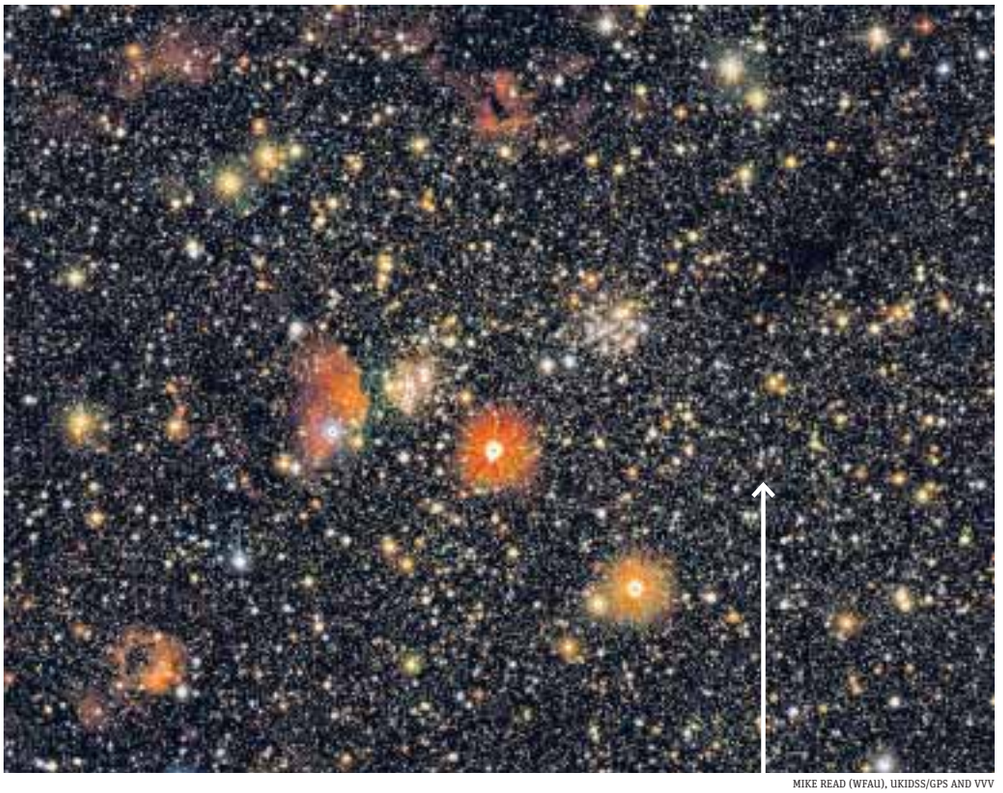
7 **Jian Ghomeshi:** The host of CBC's radio show Q said in a personal-finance Q&A that the best money-saving advice came from his parents: "Be patient. Try to avoid spending money in spontaneous ways." If only that simple advice was given to kids by every parent, we wouldn't have quite as many Canadians in debt.

8 **Pizza-fan applause:** Things are so bad on the Toronto sports scene that the loudest applause is when the Raptors score 100 points at home games, giving everyone a free slice of pizza. "It's tough when your fans get more excited about a slice of pizza than us winning," said Raptors coach Dwane Casey. Reality bites.

9 **April Fool's Day:** Sunday is April 1. Don't do anything I wouldn't do. In other words, give'r, pranksters.

A scene from Wedding Crashers, where Owen Wilson, left, and Vince Vaughn play divorce mediators who spend their weekends crashing weddings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twinkle, twinkle, that's a lot of stars



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Space

Starriest photo sets a record

More than one billion stars in the Milky Way can be seen together in detail for the first time in a photograph captured by astronomers. Scientists from the U.K., Europe and Chile made the picture by combining thousands of infrared-light images from two telescopes in both of our planet's hemispheres.

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Image

Zoom deeper to find more stars

The above image is a mere fraction of the entire picture, which alone contains more than 10,000 stars. "Compared to the composite image we took 10 years ago, this one is 100 times deeper," Nick Cross, an astronomer at the University of Edinburgh in charge of archiving the image, told Metro.

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The galactic centre of the Milky Way, the galaxy's brightest section.
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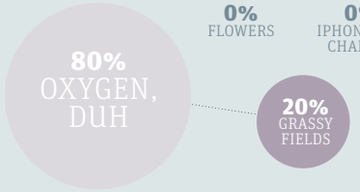

Twitter

@wongjjy: Just about a week ago I was in shorts and having a heat stroke. This week I'm back to wearing thermals and hibernating #ldnont #lolnature

@KariRennie: Braise is closing in #ldnont? That is really too bad :(

@LuisLeal1982: If that new noise law gets passed in #LDNont, I'm gonna call the cops next time council starts arguing.

@SudioC: Yay - a new stop sign at S Wenige and Nicole. Now London Police -police it. No one stops at all way stops unless they are forced too #LdnOnt

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Julia Roberts butchers an English accent and Lily Collins bears an uncanny resemblance to the cartoon Snow White in Mirror Mirror. HANDOUT

A reflection of mediocrity

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Mirror Mirror.
Tarsem Singh's take on Snow White fails with the Reel Guys.
Ned Ehrbar sits in for Mark Breslin this week

Richard: Ned, as with all of Tarsem Singh Dhandwar's films, Mirror Mirror is beautiful to look at. He certainly has an eye for set decoration. But in this case I wish they had spent the money on gag writers rather than lavish sets. I know it is supposed to be a family movie, but even five year olds deserve better than the old hat slapstick and word play on display here. Even the seven dwarfs on their spring-loaded stilts can't put any bounce into this fractured fairy tale.

Ned: There are some really painful moments, agreed. The odd mix of modern mannerisms and speech with the period/fairy tale setting was supposed to seem hip and playful, I think, but it just fell flat. And speaking of flat — and those Tarsem visuals — while the interiors of the palace and the costumes looked amazing, the mysterious forest where much of the action takes place felt so thin and set-like. I expect more from Tarsem in that department.

Synopsis

Julia Roberts plays the evil step-queen to the beautiful Snow White (Lily Collins). After Snow's father, the King (Sean Bean), mysteriously disappears, the Queen brings the country to the brink of bankruptcy and locks Snow away. But when the young princess attracts the attention of a young prince (Armie Hammer) the jealous Queen orders Snow murdered. Instead, she is set free in the forest where she is found by seven dwarfs.

- **Richard:** ●○○○○
- **Ned:** ●●○○○

RC: I expected more from him period. The cast, however, I did think was trying. Collins is picture perfect as Snow White — she bears an uncanny resemblance to the cartoon version — and Armie Hammer, should his career survive the dreadful dog impression he has to do here, has a future playing handsome princes. Julia Roberts is the star attraction and while her comedic timing is in place, the lines she has to say don't connect. What did you think of the cast?

NE: Hammer was definitely perfectly cast as Prince Charming, proving he can do just about anything — even that cringe-inducing puppy scene — and still remain regal. Collins was perfectly fine, though her role consisted mostly of reacting to other characters and reiterating the movie's main themes. But Roberts lost me when she couldn't keep up what I can only imagine is supposed to be a British accent for more than a couple of sentences. The performance was all over the place, and honestly I just wanted her to be meaner.

RC: Was she supposed to be doing an English accent? I ask rhetorically. Not since Kevin Costner's Robin Hood has the Standard British accent taken such a mauling. What she does to the Queen's English is evil enough, she doesn't need to be any crueler to get the point across.

NE: Overall, this was an unfortunate mix of risky and safe moves, with not enough of the former.

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Avengers to close Tribeca

The superhero bonanza The Avengers will close the 11th annual Tribeca Film Festival. The festival announced Wednesday that the Marvel epic will be the festival's closing night film on April 28. The film, directed by Joss Whedon and starring Robert Downey Jr., is based on the comic book series that unites Iron Man, the Incredible Hulk, Thor, Captain America and others. The Tribeca Film Festival runs from April 18 to April 29. Opening the festival will be The Five-Year Engagement, a comedy starring Jason Segel and produced by Judd Apatow.
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On the web

Sea, sand, Jerusalem: Chariots of Fire remastered for London Olympics

Action

Wrath of the Titans

Director. Jonathan Liebesman

Stars. Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson, Rosamund Pike

The brawny sequel to 2009's Clash of the Titans, Wrath of the Titans is a kind of masterwork of monster mash pop art. This thing is just wall to wall creatures and the eye widening ways in which half god son of Zeus Perseus (Sam Worthington) destroys them is downright glorious. The cynic in you may start to question the plot and the pithy character motivations, but for heavens sake, don't; just allow your inner 12 year old to embrace it.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Anchorman 2

Get out your bottle of Sex Panther — Ron Burgundy is back

This is kind of a big deal: After years of trying to get it off the ground — including rumours of a musical — newscaster Ron Burgundy (Will Ferrell) will finally be back telling San Diego to stay classy in the sequel to Anchorman: Anchorman 2.

"I want to announce this to everyone in the Americas, to our friends in Spain, Turkey and the U.K., including England," he said on Wednesday night's Conan show, in full character.

"That as of 0900 Mountain time, Paramount Pictures and myself, Ronald Joseph Aaron Burgundy, have come to terms on a sequel to Anchorman.

"It is official, there will be a sequel to Anchorman."

Yes indeed, if you are a Ron Burgundy fan, this is kind of a big deal.

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Titanic 3D not a cash grab says Avatar star Worthington

Sam Worthington is doubtful the 3D conversion of the Titanic is just about the money. HANDOUT

Controversy. Star of Avatar comes to the defence of director James Cameron, saying group who reworked blockbuster 'pushed themselves'

Director James Cameron, who recently spent a few hours at the deepest point in the ocean in the Mariana Trench, is about to release his monster blockbuster hit Titanic in 3D format. It was once the most successful movie of all time, raking in $1.84 billion in 1997, but was beat out by Cameron's other landmark 3D film Avatar with a whopping $2.77 billion. So, does this whole 3D conversion of the story of Jack and Rose start to smell a little like a lame money-grab?

Sam Worthington, star of Avatar, came to the defence of the director while promoting his own upcoming 3D film, Wrath of the Titans: "Audiences are smart. They know when you just put the 3D on and it's just to get money. They know it. And also the 3D can be very simplified. This at least, I believe the guys pushed themselves a bit to try to push the 3D and I think audiences will notice that."

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Stifler's mom. The original cougar loves the thrill of the hunt

Jennifer Coolidge has fun with her 'Stifler's Mom' character.
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She had her own ideas for the latest film
I really liked the script, but I did fight with them. I did say that I thought I should sleep with Finch [played by Eddie Kaye Thomas] one last time before I do some other stuff. I did want that to happen, and I was very firm about it ... They said, 'Jennifer, Stifler's Mom needs to evolve and she needs to grow, and she can't just be sleeping with this young boy occasionally.' I don't know how they convinced me, I'm very stubborn.

The young men in the cast have grown up quite a bit
I've noticed that they've gotten way more in touch with their sexuality. All the boys must be going to some famous Hollywood trainer.

She had a few more conquests in mind for Stifler's Mom
I always pictured myself having sex with, like, Oz [played by Chris Klein]. I thought that Stifler's Mom would move on to some other kids. The only one I wouldn't sleep with was Stifler [played by Seann William Scott], because they wouldn't allow that. They wouldn't go that far. But I wouldn't mind that at all.

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Jim's dad. Eugene Levy dishes about his hookup in American Reunion

On almost not doing American Pie
When I first read the script, it scared me. I said, 'No, I can't do this. I can't do this movie.' My manager at the time said I should go in and take a meeting, and I said, 'Why? It's too out there for me. This is a kids' movie. Why would I want to be in a movie I wouldn't go and see?'

That standard, apparently, doesn't always apply
I haven't [seen the straight-to-DVD sequels]. I really haven't.

He's happy about his American Reunion hookup
It almost seems like a no-brainer in a way, Stifler's Mom and Jim's Dad, but I've always been married. The fact that Jim's Dad is now a widower, I thought that was really interesting — shocking but interesting.

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Quoted

"When I first read the script (for American Pie) it scared me. I said, 'No, I can't do this. I can't do this movie."

Eugene Levy on almost not taking the role of Jim's dad in American Pie

Tara Reid's bumpy ride to the 'reunion'

Comeback. Actress best known as American Pie's virginal Vicky talks about her highs and lows, and where Bunny might be now

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Metro World News in Hollywood

The first thing you notice in Tara Reid's hotel suite is a helium-filled mylar balloon emblazoned with her smiling face, bobbing near the ceiling behind the actress herself. It can be a little distracting, even when talking to the woman herself, looking fresh and bright and happy to be working again with her American Pie crew. But getting from American Pie to American Reunion wasn't the smoothest of roads.

The first thing I remember seeing you in was the Big Lebowski. What was it like at that point in your career, going from that into Urban Legend into American Pie?
Well, the Coen Brothers are legendary. They're iconic, they're amazing. I loved working with them, and Jeff Bridges was amazing. That whole cast was fantastic. But then American Pie 1 was the Weitz brothers, so it was two again. And then this one, it's two again [with co-directors Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg]. I love working with two directors.

Do you have a preference, would you say?
It's like if you have twins saying you like having twins better than having one child. I've enjoyed all of the experiences I've been on, and I've been lucky and fortunate with the directors I've worked with.

Quoted

"I've been playing this girl and she's been a part of my life for 13 years. I really like Vicky, I enjoy playing her. And I loved what Jon and Hayden did with her."

Tara Reid on her American Pie character Vicky.

Then you go on to things like Alone in the Dark, the reality series Taradise. What did that section of your career feel like?
Everything is different chapters in your life, and I've been through many chapters and many experiences, and now I'm off to my next one. But, you know, to be continued.

So for that next chapter, that "to be continued," what do you have in mind?
I just want to keep going forward and keep making great films and keep growing.

Now you come back with American Reunion, getting the band together again. How do you approach that, picking up this character 13 years after the first one?
It's like it's like riding a bike. Once you get back on, boom, you never forget how to ride it. And I've been playing this girl and she's been a part of my life for 13 years. I really like Vicky, I enjoy playing her. And I loved what Jon and Hayden did with her and where they took her. It really tied up from the first one to this one. It really connected the dots.

Are there any other past characters that you would like to revisit?
Bunny. Let's go back to Bunny. Let's see what she's up to now (laughs).

What do you think Bunny would be up to now?
Who knows? Who knows? She'd probably be on a Housewives of Beverly Hills, yeah (laughs).

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Who's the fairest of them all?

Mirror Mirror hits theatres this weekend, and aside that it stars Julia Roberts in what could be her campiest role ever, the big draw is the movie's parade of elaborate costumes. But Roberts's Evil Queen is hardly the first fairy tale character to work a fierce wardrobe. We take a look at the best- and worst-dressed fairy tale characters of all time.

METRO WORLD NEWS

The Evil Queen

Oscar-winning costume designer Eiko Ishioka went big, and we mean really big, for Snow White's latest outing in Mirror Mirror. Her costumes for Julia Roberts's Evil Queen steal the show with their couture-like proportions, measuring more than six feet in circumference and using a whopping 25 to 35 yards of fabric.

Queen Ravenna

Because 2012 is the year of Snow White, this list is not complete without Charlize Theron's Queen Ravenna. Her villain in Snow White and the Huntsman — out later this summer and also starring Kristen Stewart — stays immaculately turned out in all manner of intimidatingly grand gowns and chunky statement jewels. Plus, she has a feathered cape that turns into a flock of birds. Can't get cooler than that.

Snow White, version 1

Jet-black hair, china doll features, rouge lips and puff ball sleeves — Disney's original 1937 princess became the stuff of little girls' obsessions and timeless Halloween costumes. Not to mention the lemon coloured bottom half to her iconic dress is so on trend right now. Very Louis Vuitton spring/summer 12, no?

Cinderella

Blame her for the modern-day obsession with makeovers. In an instant, the girl goes from house slave to flaxen-haired babe in a powder blue ball gown. The dress is fine, but it's the shoes that have landed Cinderella on this list. Because before Christian Louboutin and Miuccia Prada went transparent and sparkly, Cinderella did it first.

Shrek

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. But there's no getting around that belt, stretched-to-bursting-point, and the muffing top bubbling above it. He'd probably be less cranky if he'd just buy a bigger belt.

The Mad Hatter

Johnny Depp's take on the character in Tim Burton's Alice in Wonderland looked like an eccentric uncle on magic mushrooms with his floppy bow tie, disheveled Savile Row tailoring and slightly crazy look in the eyes. Either that, or a model straight out of a Vivienne Westwood show.

Fezzik

Who can forget André the Giant's loveable character in The Princess Bride with those mutton chops and that frizzy fro. The man's a giant cliché in his raggedy shirt, baggy pants, broad belt and boots — but hey, would you like him as much if he were a fashion plate?

Aurora

In part, you can blame the woman best known as Sleeping Beauty for the fact that manufacturers always use that same shade of cotton candy pink for girls' toys. If Paris Hilton stepped back in time a good 50 years, she might be dressed like this — with a slightly shorter hemline of course.

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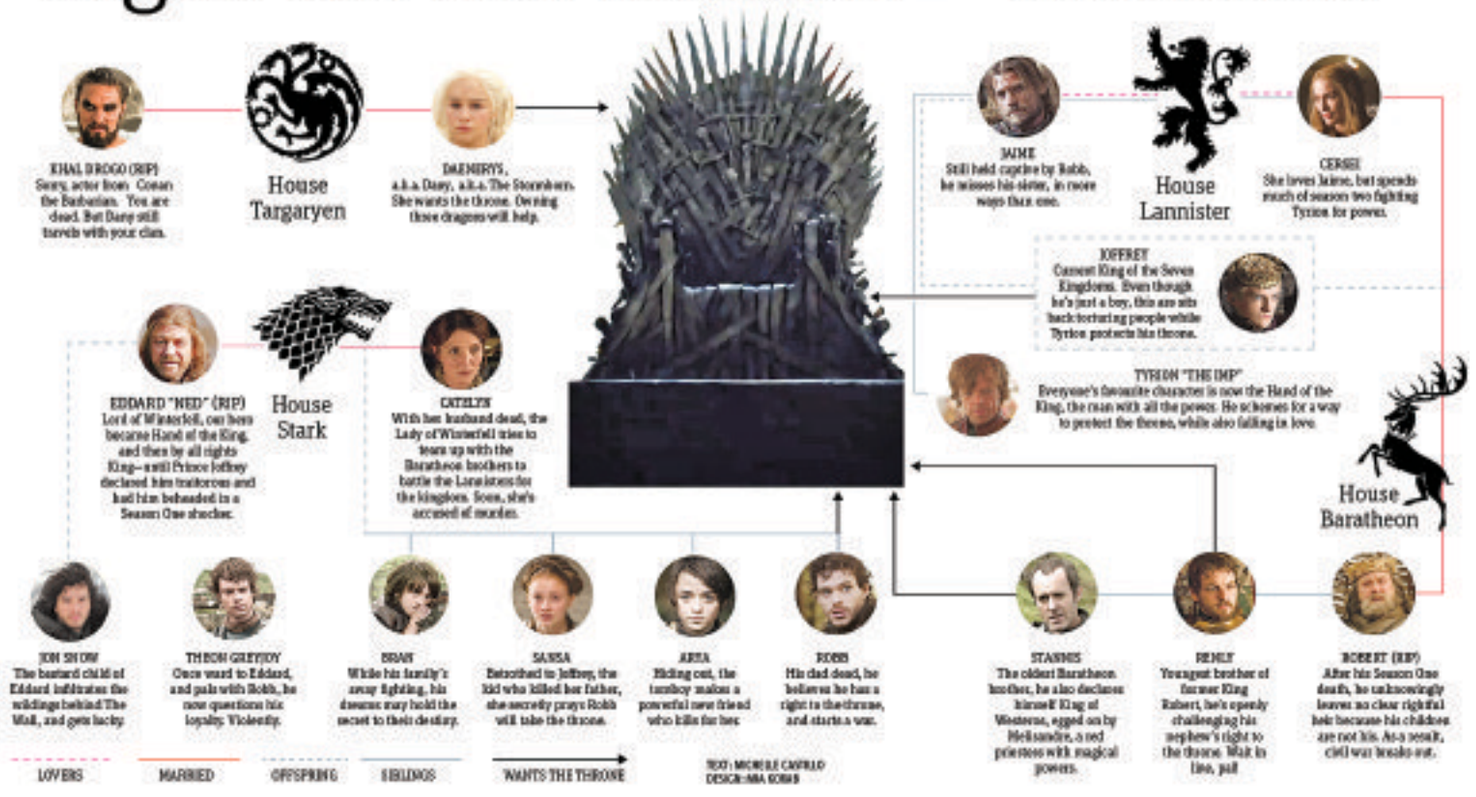
Fight for the Throne

Spoiler alert! With the king dead, all of Westeros claims a right to the rule. Here's a look at who wants what in season two.


KHAL DROGO (RIP)
Sweet, actor from Conan the Barbarian. You are dead. But Dany still travels with your clan.
House Targaryen
DAENERYS, a.k.a. Dany, a.k.a. The Stormborn. She wants the throne. Owning three dragons will help.
JAIME
Still held captive by Robb, he misses his sister, in more ways than one.
House Lannister
CERSEI
She loves Jaime, but spends much of season two fighting Tyrion for power.
JOFFREY
Current King of the Seven Kingdoms. Even though he's just a boy, this arse sits back torturing people while Tyrion protects his throne.
TYRION "THE IMP"
Everyone's favourite character is now the Hand of the King, the man with all the power. He schemes for a way to protect the throne, while also falling in love.
EDDARD "NED" (RIP)
Lord of Winterfell, our hero became Hand of the King, and then by all rights King—until Prince Joffrey declared him traitorous and had him beheaded in a Season One shocker.
House Stark
CATELYN
With her husband dead, the Lady of Winterfell tries to team up with the Baratheon brothers to battle the Lannisters for the kingdom. Soon, she's accused of murder.
House Baratheon
JON SNOW
The bastard child of Eddard infiltrates the wildings behind The Wall, and gets lucky.
THEON GREYJOY
Once ward to Eddard, and pals with Robb, he now questions his loyalty. Violently.
BRAN
While his family's away fighting, his dreams may hold the secret to their destiny.
SANSA
Betrothed to Joffrey, the kid who killed her father, she secretly prays Robb will take the throne.
ARYA
Kicking out, the tomboy makes a powerful new friend who kills for her.
ROBB
His dad dead, he believes he has a right to the throne, and starts a war.
STANNIS
The oldest Baratheon brother, he also declares himself King of Westeros, egged on by Melisandre, a red priestess with magical powers.
RENLY
Youngest brother of former King Robert, he's openly challenging his nephew's right to the throne. Wait in line, pal.
ROBERT (RIP)
After his Season One death, he unknowingly leaves no clear rightful heir because his children are not his. As a result, civil war breaks out.
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Ripa has a crush on Canada

Well, look who's in town. Kelly Ripa says Banff shoot of her show will be 'a love note' to our country

Kelly Ripa says Canadian fans of her morning talk show are "the most vocal" and full of team spirit, and she and executive producer Michael Gelman "worship them for it."

She's hoping their American viewers will pick up on that vibe and consider travelling north when Live! with Kelly broadcasts from Banff, Alta., next week.

"I think our shows in Banff will sort of be a love note to that beautiful country and the pristine mountains and those panoramic vistas and all of the nature that is the unspoiled Canadian wilderness," the bubbly Ripa, 41, said in a recent conference call with reporters.

"That's what I sort of love about Canada, is that it's like this gorgeous, civilized country with so many unspoiled, diverse natural scenes. You have mountains, you have water, you have islands — you have everything to offer.

Live! with Kelly is travelling to the picturesque resort community for four shows that will air April 2 to April 5 on CTV, at 9 a.m. ET. The broadcasts will originate from the 959-seat Eric Harvie Theatre at The Banff Centre arts school.

Executive producer Michael Gelman said Banff first showed an interest in having the show travel there after the syndicated program shot in Prince Edward Island in July 2010. Live! has also taped twice in Niagara Falls.

Banff was a great fit because he'd been wanting to do another taping in Canada and he longed for a "winter weather remote."

Travel Alberta has revealed it set aside $1.5 million to ensure the show would broadcast four shows from Banff.

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Kelly Ripa and Mark Consuelos GETTY IMAGES

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Megan likes being a Fox

Don't hate Megan Fox because she's beautiful. The Friends with Kids star feels right at home with her striking looks.

"I live well with my image. I cannot complain. I would not trade my place with an unattractive girl," she tells French magazine Jalouse.

Of course, Fox might not be aware of exactly how the rest of the world sees her: "I hate taking pictures," she says. "I never look at them, otherwise I would have to change everything. I prefer not to see any and trust the photographer, who knows his job."

Peter Facinelli

Twilight star is now single, ladies

Twilight star Peter Facinelli officially filed for divorce from Jennie Garth this week, citing "irreconcilable differences," according to People magazine.

"I was very resistant. I didn't want it to happen. It took me some time to come to peace with it," Garth tells the magazine about the divorce.

"I've gone though my darkest parts and I'm coming out of it. I'm OK. I don't know what the future holds, but then I've never been a planner. And maybe that's a good thing."

Coincidentally, the two have a reality TV show debuting next month, and their divorce will reportedly be a major plot point.

Aiken admits to surgery

No stranger to coming clean about things, Clay Aiken has revealed that he's had some work done to his face.

"I had a surgery on my jaw for a TMJ thing, and I had them suck the fat out of my chin while they were in there," Clay told Bravo's Andy Cohen during an interview.

"I said, 'You know what, while I'm already down, go ahead and take the vacuum in there and suck the fat out of my chin.'"

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The Word

Lindsay Lohan is back on the streets

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For the first time in recent history, Lindsay Lohan is not on probation, in jail, or falling out of a car.

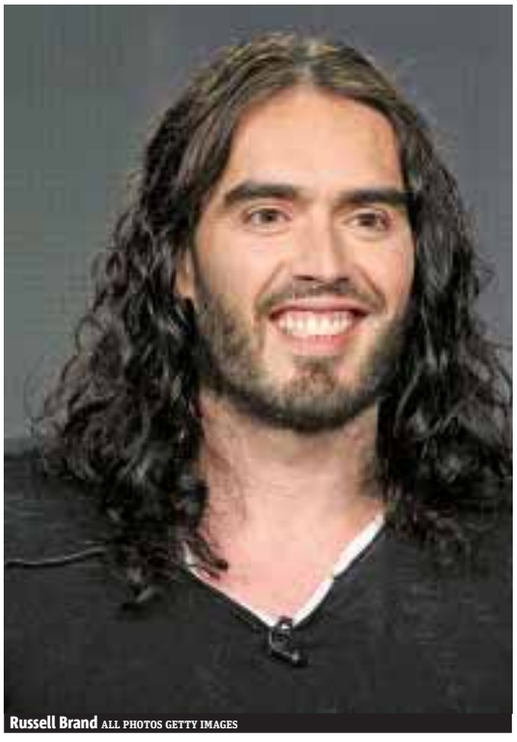
At a hearing Thursday afternoon, Judge Stephanie Sautner — who has, historically, not been a fan of Lohan or her courtroom circus — ended the actress' formal probation after agreeing that her community service was successfully completed. In return, Lohan is required to obey all laws — even the annoying ones that we non-famous people abide by — for two-and-a-half years.

"I know it's kinda hard when people are following you all over the place, but that's the life you chose," said Sautner. "I'm not going to give a lecture because you know what you need to do. You need to live your life in a more mature way. Stop the nightclubbing and focus on your work."

Or focus on a Magic Eye — anything should do at this point, Linds. We're proud of you, and we're cancelling your standing Monday gossip reservation.

Where's Lohan to next?

- Canada, it seems. Her upcoming Elizabeth Taylor movie is shooting in Toronto, and she's been granted a Canadian work permit, reports TMZ.



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Did Russell Brand go back to his cheating ways while married to Katy Perry?

It's unclear what caused the sudden split between Katy Perry and Russell Brand, but Perry's pals apparently think the British comedian was being unfaithful.

One of her friends, actor Jonathan Schaech, posted on Twitter, "Cheating is easy, try doing something challenging and be faithful," and the post was retweeted by another friend of Perry, jewelry designer Markus Molinari, who added his own comment: "Seeee Russell!"

Whatever the case may be, Perry was pretty convinced last year that Brand would be faithful: "He's made no secret of what his life was like before me, but that's then and this is the future," she told Radar Online.

"He's cheated in the past but he knows how good he has it with me and I know he'd never do anything to jeopardize that. I trust him 100 per cent."

3 LIFE

Bake-Off

Pumpkin Ravioli wins

Pumpkin Ravioli with Salted Caramel Whipped Cream is the winning dish of the 2012 Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest.

TV host Martha Stewart announced on her show that Christina Verrelli, of Devon, Pa., was the winner. Verelli wins $1 million and $10,000 worth of GE kitchen appliances.

Made with Pillsbury Crescent dough sheets, the recipe can be found on Pillsbury's website, pillsbury.com, along with all the other finalists. All entries in the contest were required to include at least one eligible Pillsbury product.

Three category winners each receive $5,000 cash and $3,000 in appliances.
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On the web

Tax on Cornish pasties, a regional speciality, opens new front in UK's class war

This recipe makes 24 crostini. EMILY RICHARDS

Taste of entertaining gets more appealing

Wilted Spinach and Garlic Crostini. These little bites will impress guests with their contrasting textures of crunch and softness

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Deep, earthy green spinach with lots of garlic sits atop a toasted baguette slice for the perfect contrast of crunch and softness in these Wilted Spinach and Garlic Crostini appetizers.

For an added flavour hit, place a shaving of aged Manchego cheese on top of the spinach just before serving.

You can also make the crostini ahead of time and keep on hand for a quick appetizer accompaniment for those times when unexpected guests drop by.

1. Brush the baguette slices with some of the extra virgin olive oil and place them on large baking sheet. Toast the baguette slices in a 425 F (220 C) oven for about 8 minutes or until they are golden brown. Sprinkle with salt and let cool.

2. Cook the spinach, one bag at a time, in large nonstick skillet over medium high heat, stirring often, for about 5 minutes or until wilted. Place in colander and drain well. Repeat this step with the remaining bag. Set aside.

3. Heat the remaining olive oil in skillet over medium heat. Cook the garlic, anchovies and hot pepper flakes for about 2 minutes, or until turning they are golden.

4. Add the spinach and toss it to coat with olive oil and garlic sauce. Cook everything for about 2 minutes or until it is all well coated and warmed. Remove the mixture from heat and season to taste with salt.

4. Divide the mixture among the toasted baguette slices and serve.

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Ingredients

- Half French baguette, sliced
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- Sea salt
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 anchovies, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) hot pepper flakes
- 2 bags (10 oz/300 g each) baby spinach, rinsed

Liquid Assets

A magical combo that sparkles

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Don't hate me because I'm beautiful, hate me because at this moment I'm sitting at an outdoor resto in Verona Italy, enjoying a Spritz.

It's a magical combination of the Italian aperitif Aperol ($21.99 - $25.98) with an equal part of Prosecco, a dash of sparkling water and a garnishing slice of orange.

Prosecco aficionados may cringe, but the refreshing flavour mix screams spring and is an amazing appetite enhancer, which explains why everyone in the Vento region loves a glass before dinner.

Originating in Veneto, prosecco is a lightly sparkling white wine with a characteristically dry personality that is effervescent without going full blown bubbly. Made with the glera grape variety, it's produced using the Charmat method — which means its sparkle comes from a second fermentation in a steel tank rather than inside the bottle like its competitors from Champagne.

While selection varies across the country, this is one wine style with which it's hard to find a bad example. Piera Martellozzo's Blu Giovello Prosecco ($14.95 - $16.99) is a bone dry version with subtle tropical fruit flavours that make it ideal for hard to match menus like sushi and Thai.

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The good old Ham & Cheese sandwich gets a bistro feel

This recipe serves six. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Chef Melissa Craig of the Bearfoot Bistro in Whistler, B.C., created this delicious grilled cheese sandwich for a recent competition in Toronto.

"My favourite comfort food of all time is grilled cheese," she says. "I like a simple grilled cheese with ketchup. However, I decided to put a twist and make a tomato tapenade with some spicy arugula for a meal or a snack any time of the day or night."

Ingredients

- 1 rustic ciabatta bread
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) extra virgin olive oil
- 250 g (8 oz) Swiss cheese
- 270 g (9 oz) smoked or Black Forest ham
- 1 bunch arugula leaves
- Cracked black pepper

Tapenade

- 60 g (2 oz) sun-dried tomatoes, soaked
- 30 g (1 oz) kalamata olives
- 1/2 clove garlic, chopped
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) capers
- 35 ml (25 ml/1/8 cup plus 10 ml/2 tsp) olive oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) Parmesan cheese

Sandwich Tips

- **Make ahead.** Tapenade can be made up to one week ahead and may be served on top or on the side.
- **Swap it.** You could use prosciutto instead of ham.

1. Chop together tomatoes, olives, garlic and capers. Place in a bowl. Slowly add olive oil, stir in Parmesan and finish seasoning with fresh pepper. Set tapenade aside.

2. Preheat grill to low heat. Slice ciabatta bread straight across into round disks about 1 cm (1/2 inch) thick.

3. Assemble each sandwich with Swiss cheese, ham and arugula. Lightly brush both sides of bread with olive oil. Lightly grill each side of sandwich over very low heat. Remove from grill and place on plates with 5 ml (1 tsp) of tapenade on top.

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Turkey with Soba. Try this tasty nutritional powerhouse for lunch

Ingredients

- 250 g (8 oz) soba noodles
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 1 pkg (350 g) extra firm tofu, patted dry and cut into cubes
- 250 g (1/2 lb) boneless, skinless turkey breast, thinly sliced
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced
- 1 head broccoli, cut into florets
- 1 head bok choy, sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) crushed red pepper flakes
- 250 ml (1 cup) turkey or chicken broth
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) smooth peanut butter
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) rice vinegar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) soy sauce
- Fresh peanuts, for garnish

1. In pot of boiling water, cook noodles for about 5 minutes; drain well.

2. In large non-stick skillet heat oil over medium-high heat. Brown tofu and transfer to a plate. Add turkey to skillet and cook for about 2 minutes per side. Transfer to plate. Add red pepper, broccoli, bok choy, garlic, red pepper flakes and broth to skillet. Cover and cook for about 3 minutes.

3. Whisk together peanut butter, rice vinegar and soy sauce. Add turkey, tofu and noodles to vegetables. Stir in peanut butter mixture and cook, stirring until noodles are well coated.

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"I had plenty of opportunities to do things with different teams, and I've turned them all down. But this one is special. This guy is like family to me. And if I could help him, I would."

Retired coach Bill Parcells to the New York Daily News on the possibility of taking over as New Orleans head coach for the 2012 season. Parcells' friend and protegé Sean Payton has been suspended for the season for allowing player bounties to take place as Saints coach. The Saints had yet to make a decision Thursday with Payton's suspension slated to begin Sunday.

On the web

Ontario's Glenn Howard says his rink is "still riding a high" after winning the Brier on March 12. He'll try to carry that positive energy to the international stage as the world curling championships get underway this weekend in Switzerland. Scan the code for the story.

Montreal Canadiens owner Geoff Molson speaks to reporters Thursday after announcing general manager Pierre Gauthier has been relieved of his duties.
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Habs fire GM after dismal season

New direction.
Team also fires team adviser, and franchise icon, Bob Gainey

Quoted

"Everyone in this organization, including our players, expected better."

Owner Geoff Molson,
who said the Canadiens' standard is to reach the top, not just make the playoffs

The struggling Montreal Canadiens have fired general manager Pierre Gauthier, saying the direction of the storied franchise had to change.

The NHL team announced the Gauthier firing first in a terse statement, ahead of a news conference with owner Geoff Molson.

Gainey, whom Gauthier succeeded as GM, is also leaving his role as a team adviser, Molson told the news conference. Gainey and Gauthier are longtime friends.

Serge Savard, another Habs icon, will serve as an adviser to Molson in the search for a new GM.

Molson praised the Canadiens' fans and spoke about restoring the team to its former glory, pointing to a stockpile of draft picks and promises of acquiring new talent.

"We need to remember that our fans want us to win, period," Molson said. "Our organizational culture is to support and adopt this passion for victory. Nothing else matters."

Gauthier paid the price for a 29-34-14 season that has the Habs languishing in the Eastern Conference basement.

A string of moves this season did not revive the battered Canadiens.

Gauthier fired assistant coach Perry Pearn and then head coach Jacques Martin in mid-December, only to find himself in even hotter water for appointing the unilingual Randy Cunneyworth as interim coach.

With protests from some Quebec nationalist groups and an ongoing controversy in the media, Gauthier elected to apologize and promise there will be a French-speaking coach behind the bench next season.

The Habs have reeled with injuries and sub-par performances. In February, Molson resorted to Twitter to deny rumours during the season that Gauthier too had been axed.

"Rumours of Pierre Gauthier's firing are false," he tweeted.

Rumours had been swirling in local media and online that Gauthier was no longer calling the shots.

Gauthier was named GM and executive vice-president in February 2010, taking over from Gainey. He joined the organization in July 2003 when he was appointed director of professional scouting.

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Tennis

Overruling propels Sharapova to semifinal win

Maria Sharapova benefited from a chair umpire's disputed overrule on the final point in edging Caroline Wozniacki 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 in the Sony Ericsson Open semifinals on Thursday.

At 40-30 in the final game, Sharapova hit a second serve that the linesman called long, which would have been a double fault, but the umpire immediately reversed the ruling and ordered the point replayed. The call couldn't be reviewed because Wozniacki had no challenges left, though TV replays showed the umpire was correct to overrule.

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Maria Sharapova
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CFL

Argos announce trio of signings

Former NFL wide receiver Samie Parker highlighted a trio of new signings the Toronto Argonauts announced on Thursday.

Parker played 47 regular season games over four years in the NFL with the Kansas City Chiefs and finished with 110 catches for 1,529 yards and seven touchdowns.

The Argos also signed quarterback Trevor Harris and safety Matt Estrada.

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Moir, Virtue adorned with gold once again

Ice dancing. Local duo 'fight' through free dance to claim another world championship

Tessa Virtue, of London, and Scott Moir, of Ilderton, perform on Thursday in Nice, France. FRANCOIS MORI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadians Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir are back on top of the ice-dancing world.

The Olympic champions reclaimed their world title on Thursday in Nice, France, edging American rivals and defending champions Meryl Davis and Charlie White.

Skating their free dance to George Gershwin's Funny Face, Virtue and Moir finished the free dance with 182.65 points. The duo won the world crown in 2010 but finished second last year in a season that saw the two sidelined for several months after Virtue had surgery on her legs.

"We definitely had to fight a little more for the program than maybe our fairy-tale performance would have been, but I guess that's why you train," Moir said. "This season, we're really appreciating having the training under our belts and to perform like that, even when it isn't a perfect skate — Tessa has convinced me (it wasn't perfect) because she's a perfectionist, but I thought it was pretty good.

"Overall, we're happy, we had a great competition and we can't be too upset."

Virtue, from London, and Moir, from Ilderton, led after Wednesday's short program.

Davis and White — Virtue and Moir's training partners who were second after the short dance — finished with 178.62 points.

"The feeling is definitely a little bit different than it was last year. Last year, we felt a lot of pressure to make history with the opportunity to become the first American world ice-dance champions," Davis said. "This year, coming in, we wanted to put down two really great performances and make a statement, and I think we did that."

Davis and White kept the pressure on with an inspirational free skate to Johann Strauss' Die Fledermaus that had the crowd on its feet at the Palais des Expositions in Nice.

Nathalie Pechalat and Fabian Bourzat of France were third with 173.18 points.

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Women's singles

Alena Leonova of Russia set the pace Thursday while Canada's Amelie Lacoste was left hoping she's just close enough to nab a spot in the top 10.

- **The 21-year-old Leonova scored 64.61** to take the lead heading into Saturday's free program.
- **Lacoste, Canada's lone entry in the event,** was 13th with a score of 49.37. A top-10 finish would give Canada two women's entries in next year's worlds here in London.

By the numbers

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Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje finished fourth. It's the first time Canada has had two ice-dance teams finish in the top four.

Sports in pictures

1 MLB. A's get even with Mariners

Ichiro Suzuki came up empty in the finale of a two-game trip to Tokyo, and so did the Seattle Mariners. The Japanese star went 0-for-4 in the Mariners' 4-1 loss to the Oakland Athletics on Thursday night that left them with a season-opening split. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 MLB. Young Gose helps Blue Jays steal win from Red Sox

Anthony Gose stole second, third and home to score the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Boston Red Sox 3-2 Thursday to extend their spring-training winning streak to 10.
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3 CFL. Flames assume majority ownership of Stampeders

The Calgary Flames are becoming the majority owners of the CFL's Stampeders. The NHL club has had a five per cent share for the past few seasons. Stamps chairman John Forzani, left, called the move a "positive step" during a press conference with Flames president Ken King.
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Topping things off, on Saturdays during the spring and summer, you'll be able to enjoy sausages and hot dogs from the grill on the patio. Randy sums it up this way: "Lorraine and I are just trying to make the place feel like home…wherever you come from – everybody understands home."

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Big schools bring big issues to Final Four

NCAA. College basketball controversy bubbles under the surface in New Orleans

Looking for those charming underdog stories? Go find the DVD from last year.

This year's Final Four boasts an ensemble of big-name schools, all saddled with their typically big-time issues — a reminder that everything in college sports is not as pure as the NCAA would like us to believe.

In the national semifinals Saturday, Kentucky plays Louisville and Ohio State meets Kansas. All the schools have made headlines for a variety of off-the-court reasons over the last several months, including the proliferation of one-and-done players, stories about coaches in courtrooms, and a handful of financial misdeeds involving recruits, players, coaches and even ticket managers.

While there are no little vs. big stories this year, teams and coaches got everyone thinking about basketball instead of the underside of a business driven by a $10.8-billion US TV contract.

For his part, Kentucky coach John Calipari is perfecting the art of luring a player for one, maybe two seasons then saying a guilt-free goodbye. But it's the NBA that put in the rule stating players must be 19 before they can enter the draft. What's a coach to do?

"I think they trust that when the year is out, they're going to get the right information and be treated fairly," Calipari said. "Historically, we don't convince kids to stay who should leave. They are going to get the information, and they know that. They are just going to play basketball."

The NCAA rules police have spent plenty of time visiting Ohio State's athletic department over the last several years. First, there was the firing of coach Jim O'Brien, who was found to have given money to a recruit, then later sued the school for wrongful termination when he got the axe before it had been officially determined he'd done anything wrong. Thad Matta cleaned up that mess and has led the Buckeyes to the Final Four twice in the last seven years.

This week is supposed to be a celebration of college sports. Yet it's hard not to ignore some tidbits that came up on the road to the Final Four:

— This year's Final Four coaches are making between $2.5 and $3.8 million this season and will earn six-figure bonuses if they win the title.

— The NCAA didn't get involved, but Louisville coach Rick Pitino's name was trending for months while details of his extramarital affair and the ensuing extortion trial were aired out in public.

And of course Kansas is not immune to corruption. Last May, five athletic department employees and consultants got between 37 and 57 months prison time for unlawfully selling football and basketball season tickets to ticket brokers and others, then pocketing the money. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"I'd prefer to have a different model ... but I don't think we should blow one-and-done out of proportion and suggest this is undermining the educational mission of the NCAA."

NCAA president Mark Emmert on athletes leaving college after one year.

Bluegrass showdown

The Kentucky-Louisville story line is the best thing going this week in New Orleans, for what coach John Calipari predicts will be an epic Final Four.

- Jared Sullinger (Ohio State), Thomas Robinson (Kansas) and Anthony Davis (Kentucky) are first-team AP All-Americans. Those three teams all have other players who look very much like NBA material in the near future.

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NCAA. How Canucks affected their NBA draft potential during March Madness

Andrew Nicholson, left, of St. Bonaventures guards the ball while playing Florida State on earlier in March. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Kentucky freshman Kyle Wiltjer, son of former Canadian national team member Greg Wiltjer, remains the only Canadian left in the Final Four. But that doesn't mean a few draft-eligible Canadians didn't make their mark. A look at a few:

Andrew Nicholson, St. Bonaventure: The senior power forward turned some heads with his play in the Atlantic 10 conference tournament, and in the one game the Bonnies played in March Madness. Probably did enough to sneak into the end of the first round of the draft heading into the workout season.

Kris Joseph, Syracuse: A decidedly underwhelming March Madness didn't move the senior big man up, that's for sure. Scouts still contend he'll be a late first-round pick at best, more likely in the second round.

Robert Sacre, Gonzaga: Another senior big man, he wasn't on anyone's draft radar before the tournament and really isn't today. However, he has been chosen to play in a senior all-star game at the Final Four which will give him a shot to attract some attention.

Not quite ready:

Myck Kabongo, Texas: Freshman point guard wisely decided on at least another year with the Longhorns.

Brady Heslip, Baylor: Had one magical night, but his game needs much more polish.

Kevin Pangos, Gonzaga: Another young guard with promise, but not nearly enough to take the next step yet.

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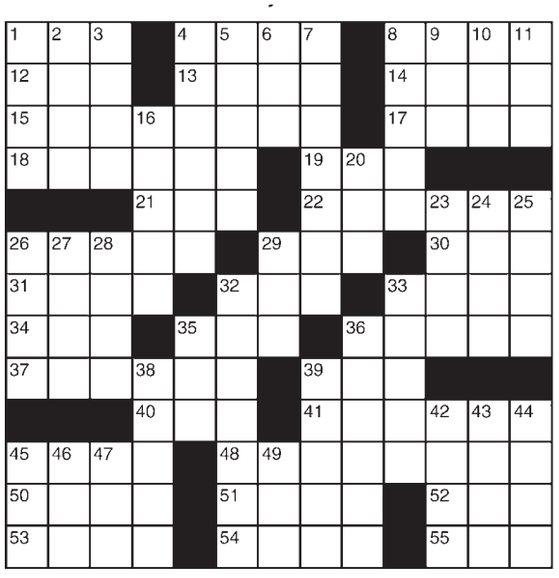

Across

1 Suitable
4 Egg part
8 Eccentric
12 Appomattox VIP
13 "Super-food" fruit
14 Met melody
15 Stuff drifting in the ocean
17 Depend (on)
18 Hit
19 Jewel
21 Trawler need
22 Quantum theorist Max
26 Lay out
29 Muppet master Henson
30 Before
31 Vague
32 Swindle
33 Ontario tribe
34 "— Town"
35 Salary
36 Go in search of prey
37 Pluto, once
39 That girl
40 High times
41 Get snug
45 Addict
48 Banana's cousin
50 Bucks' mates
51 Re planes
52 Rest-room, for short
53 Micro-wave, jocularly
54 Is going to
55 Weeps

Down

1 Heidi's range
2 Hide
3 Rend
4 Talked on and on
5 Four pairs
6 "7 Faces of Dr. —"
7 Leader
8 Fate
9 Raw rock
10 Lubricate
11 Band-leader Kyser
16 Fool
20 Shade source
23 Infamous lyrist
24 Team of workers
25 Nautical stabilizer
26 Buy stuff
27 Cohort of Ringo
28 Pound of poetry
29 Bliss
32 Dupe
33 Top of a wave
35 Energy
36 Carbolic acid
38 Hospital employee
39 Tangle
42 Body powder
43 Taleteller
44 Jealousy
45 Grecian vessel
46 Old French coin
47 "A mouse!"
49 Mainlander's memento

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Yesterday's answer

G	A	L	A	■	V	I	C	E	■	D	U	D
O	B	I	S	■	A	C	A	I	■	E	N	E
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B	E	D	S	■	G	A	P	■	C	L	U	B
I	R	E	■	■	A	Y	E	■	■	E	G	O
G	A	M	E	■	N	B	C	■	A	S	H	Y
■	■	■	I	M	A	G	E	■	A	L	■	■
C	A	J	U	N	■	■	S	I	M	I	A	N
O	N	O	■	D	E	M	I	M	O	O	R	E
N	T	H	■	E	V	A	N	■	S	T	A	T
K	I	N	■	S	E	E	K	■	T	A	M	S

Sudoku

9				6				7
3		8		5		1		4
		6	3		4	8		
1								3
			5		8			
5								2
		1	9		3	7		
6		3		1		4		8
2				8				9

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer

1	2	5	7	9	4	6	8	3
4	6	3	8	5	2	9	7	1
7	9	8	6	1	3	4	2	5
6	7	4	9	2	5	1	3	8
3	1	2	4	8	7	5	9	6
5	8	9	1	3	6	7	4	2
9	3	6	5	4	8	2	1	7
2	4	7	3	6	1	8	5	9
8	5	1	2	7	9	3	6	4

Send a kiss

- **My Secret Crush.** You dont have to apologize for being busy at work. God knows it's not about Lattes.. From Just a Guy
- **S bd.** I miss you in my way and I always know and appreciate you love that shakes my heart. It's precious forever... What ever I do what you do all are the privilege from God's gift. From mm
- **Dear Pasta.** I love you in red sauce and I love you in white sauce. Alfredo, and a la Vodka. You make my day when it's dinner time. That's a spicy meat a ball!! From Not a Manja Cake
- **JG.** Its sad that i can't tell how much i like you ? (56) When i see you my Heart beats When people talk about you my Heart beats When i hear your name my Heart beats (Why me?) what kind of feeling is this? Look now my Heart is beating because i am thinking about you. ? I like everything about you And hope you will read the newspaper God give me power to tell him how much i like him. From Your secret crush
- **MX.** I want us to work dont break my heart again I love now & forever. NN

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. You need to make changes and spend less time worrying what other people think of you. Most think highly of you anyway.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You will come out of your shell today and make a good impression on everyone you meet.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. This is an excellent time for new alliances and new beginnings. Change is good for you. The world will smile on you so be yourself.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. If something you are working on seems to be taking up all of your time, that's a sign you should be working on other things.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. A lot of things are happening over which you have no control. Don't worry. You won't sink without trace.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Someone may think they've forced you into a corner but they're mad if they think you will change.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You will find it easier to get along with people you work with on a daily basis, and that's good because you are going to need allies over the next few weeks.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Go all out over the next few days to start something new, something creative, something that you will be remembered for.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Your main need now is to find a space you can call your own. You deserve some peace and quiet for a change.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. If you have not planned anything for the next couple of days then get planning now. Travel and social plans are well starred now.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You'll have to make some tough decisions early next week concerning what you own, what you earn.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Make it a priority to have as much fun as possible over the next 24 hours. Get the most out of life.

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Joel

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